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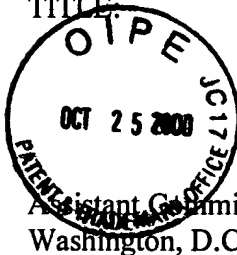
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TITLE:

APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR VERIFYING THE LOCATION OF  
AREAS OF INTEREST WITHIN A SAMPLE IN AN IMAGING SYSTEM**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the references listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the references are enclosed.

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- ☒ (1) within three (3) months of the **Filing Date** or before the mailing date of the **First Office Action** on the merits; or
- ☐ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance**, and
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **OR**
- ☐ the requisite fee under Rule 1.17(p), namely **\$240.00**, is included herein, or
- ☐ (3) after the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance** but before the payment of the **Issue Fee**, **AND**
- ☐ Applicant hereby Petitions the Commissioner to accept and consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement, **AND**
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **AND**

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It is respectfully requested that each of the references shown on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

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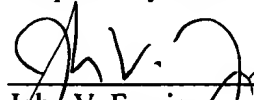
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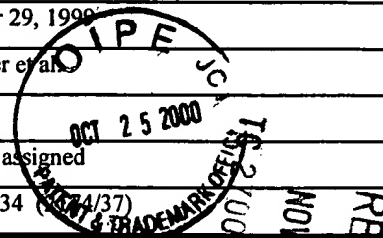
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